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In re Application of: LAY et al.

International Application No.: PCT/US00/01294

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TITLE: ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED SEALING TAPE

DISPENSER AND METHOD

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The following information is being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The above-identified patent application has a corresponding PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/US00/01294 filed 19 January 2000 and a priority United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/116,275 filed 19 January 2000. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of the PCT International Search Report dated 23 May 2000, issued on the corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/US00/01294. The Search Report cited United States Patent Nos.: US 4,581,514; US 4,151,403; US RE.35,067; US 4,996,901; US 3,949,918; US 5,016,511; US 3,199,391; US 5,117,367; US 5,237,898; US 4,143,566; US 5,417,796; US 4,543,863; US

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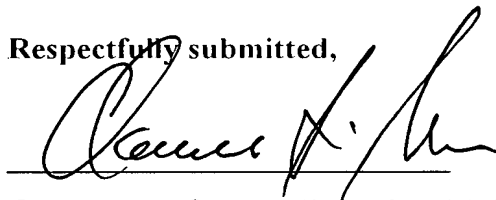
4,834,309; US 4,106,685; US 5,048,737 and US 2,995,968. Applicants' attorney also encloses a copy of United States Patent No. 4,266,276, which was cited in the Written Opinion.

Copies of the PCT International Search Report, Written Opinion and the cited references are enclosed together with PTO-Form 1449.

Pursuant to Section 609 and 707.05(b) of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.97-1.99, the undersigned is bringing the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, of which he is aware, to the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application as they may be considered pertinent to the invention claimed in the above-identified application.

- (1) U.S. Serial No.: 09/419,045
Filing Date: 10/15/99
Title: AUTOMATIC MEASURING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DISPENSING MATERIALS
Assignee: Ascom Hasler Mailing Systems, Inc.
Attorney Docket No.: 770P009744-US(PCT)
- (2) Express Mail No.: EL627430932US
Filing Date: 16 July 2001
Title: COMPACT HEAT SEALABLE BAG DISPENSER AND SEALER
Assignee: Ascom Hasler Mailing Systems, Inc.
Attorney Docket No.: 770P009745-US(PCT)

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